

**Route 22 Weequahic Park Drainage
Newark, Essex County; Hillside, Union County**

**Public Information Center
Thursday, October 12, 2006**

The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) will hold a Public Information Center for proposed Route 22 drainage improvements near Weequahic Park. NJDOT is committed to developing transportation improvements that best balance the transportation needs, the environment, community concerns, and costs. You are encouraged to actively participate by providing comments at the meeting, by mail, or by e-mail.

The Meeting

The Public Information Center will be held at the **Weequahic Park Association Building No. 92 (accessed by the park entrance on Meeker Avenue, bear left at the fork), Newark on Thursday, October 12, 2006 from 4 - 7 pm.**

The Problem

Route 22 is a four-lane roadway that runs in an east-west direction. During moderate to heavy rains, storm water spreads over the entire highway in the vicinity of the railroad overpass and park, causing severe flooding and traffic restrictions. The drainage systems on Route 22 are undersized and unable to convey the storm water.

The Proposed Project

The proposed project consists of installing larger storm drains and new outfall pipes within the project area. Two silt chambers would treat the highway runoff before discharging into the Weequahic Lake. Erosion control matting will be installed on a bare earth slope on the westbound side of Route 22. New curbs, guide rail upgrades, and resurfacing of existing pavement will be constructed within the project area.

This project will cause only temporary construction impacts to park property during the installation of new outfall pipes and silt chambers. The park's perimeter path will be closed to pedestrians up to three months during construction and will be reconstructed where impacted.

Mitigation

The goal is to construct the project with the least inconvenience to the public and local businesses. Construction activity will occur almost entirely within the Route 22 roadway and take place mostly at off-peak hours to minimize traffic disruption during peak commuting periods. Access will be maintained to adjacent businesses during construction.

The construction will be staged so that two lanes in each direction are maintained along Route 22 during weekdays; one lane in each direction during weekend and night-time construction.

Acquisition of easement parcels is anticipated along Route 22. Public utilities will be relocated with service maintained through the life of the project. A map highlighting the limits of the proposed project is on the other side.

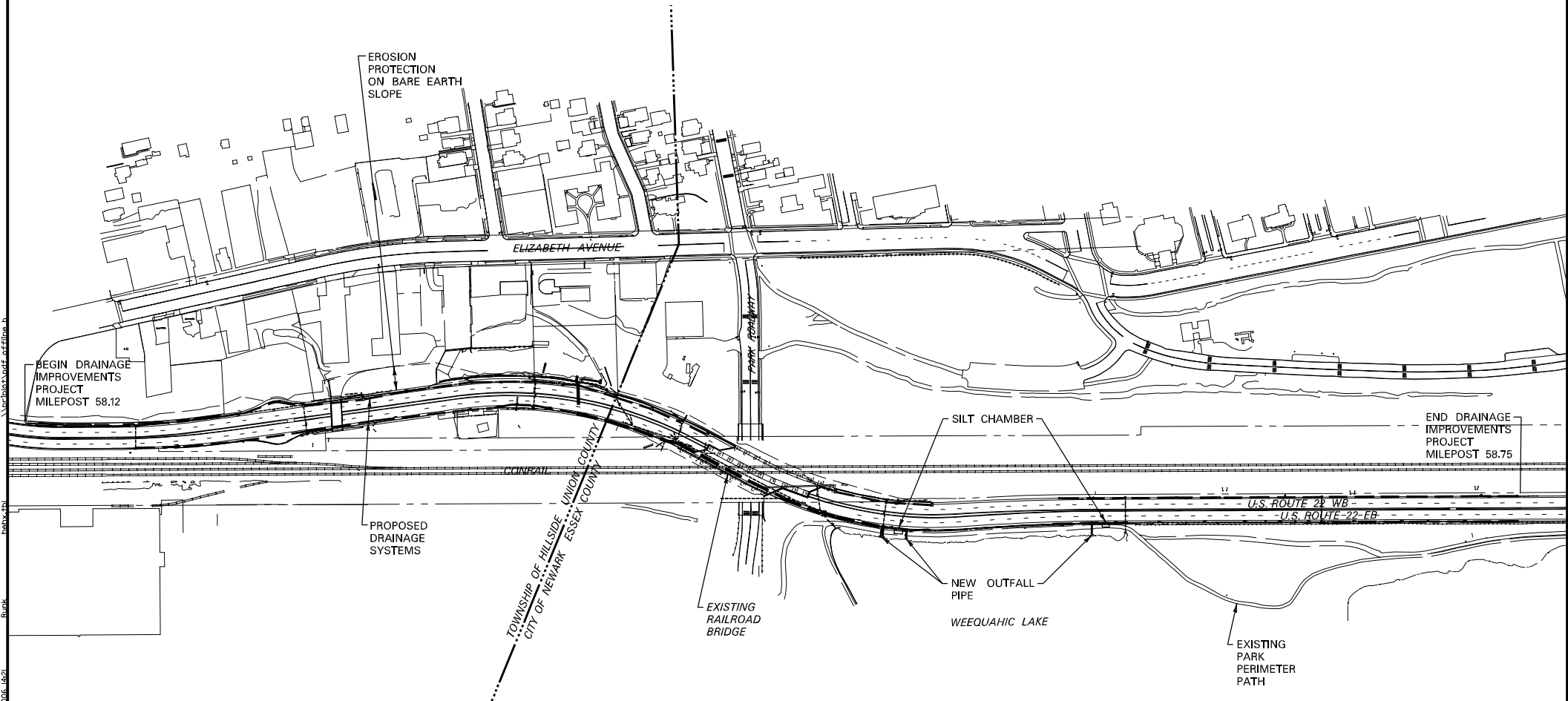
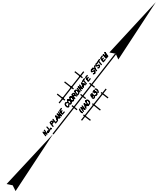
Estimated Schedule and Cost

Complete Design	Summer 2008
Construction	Fall 2008 – Spring 2009
Construction Cost	\$1.9 million

Federal funds are anticipated for this project.

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